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SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DUTIES

1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE SEPT 19, ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH DEPT MFA) REVEALED THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL WOULD BE TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIXTH DEPARTMENT COUNTRIES (US, UK, CANADA, IRELAND) IN NEAR FUTURE, AND WOULD BE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTICIPANT IN UPCOMING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH UK OCT 6-9 IN LONDON. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE TOLD US SPACIL IS ALSO TAKING OVER THEIR AREAS, SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT

SPACIL IS TAKING OVER AREA NOW COVERED BY RUZEK (WESTERN EUROPE AND SIXTH DEPT). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT RUZEK IS GOING TO GENEVA.

2. THIS CHANGE MEANS THAT SPACIL WILL NOW BE "OUR MAN" AT THE MFA, AND WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ANY UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES OR ON REVISING THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT. SINCE SPACIL IS SO WELL KNOWN IN WASHINGTON, THE EMBASSY HARDLY NEED ADD THAT WE ARE HEARTENED BY SPACIL'S ASSUMPTION OF THESE DUTIES, FOR HE IS BOTH ABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT US AFFAIRS AND, PARTICULARLY, ABOUT RECENT
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US-CZECHOSLOVAK BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF OTHER DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER SHIFTS ARE TAKING PLACE, BUT WILL REPORT
FURTHER ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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